

HFA Administrative Rule

R 325.1901 Definitions

(10) “Elopement” means a resident is absent without notice for more than a 12 hour period unless otherwise indicated in the resident’s service plan.

Technical Assistance:

A resident whose service plan includes the need for supervision and protection because of a lack of ability to safely leave the home unattended has “eloped” as soon as he has left the home **unobserved** and unattended.

Administrative Rule Cross Reference

325.1901 (17) – Definition of reportable incident/accident

325.1901 (21) – Definition of service plan

325.1924 – Reporting of incidents, accidents, elopement

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(17) “Reportable incident/accident” means an intentional or unintentional event in which a resident suffers harm or is at risk of more than minimal harm, such as, but not limited to, abuse, neglect, exploitation, or unnatural death.

Technical Assistance:

An incident or accident that results in a sudden adverse change in a resident’s condition requiring **unplanned** hospitalization or **treatment** in a hospital emergency room is reportable.

An illness that results in hospitalization that is not part of a resident’s natural progression of a disease is reportable.

Multiple resident falls even without injury are reportable because the resident is at risk of injury and more than minimal harm.

Observed or reported incidents that involve displays of serious hostility or aggression, attempts at self-inflicted harm or harm to other residents are reportable.

Unusual incidents that place residents’ protection at risk, such as a fire, an extended loss of power or heat, etc. are reportable.

Medication errors are reportable if the resident was at risk for more than minimal harm or suffered harm. Note: All medication errors are reportable to the resident’s physician pursuant to 325.1932 (3)(g).

An elopement is reportable because the resident is at risk of more than minimal harm when unattended outside of the home.

Administrative Rule Cross Reference

325.1901 (10) – Definition of elopement

325.1924 – Reporting of incidents, accidents, elopement

325.1932 – Resident medications

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R 325.1924 Reporting of incidents, accidents, elopement.

(3) The home shall report an incident/accident to the department within 48 hours of the occurrence. The incident or accident shall be immediately reported verbally or in writing to the resident's authorized representative, if any, and the resident's physician.

Technical Assistance:

The incident/accident/elopement report to the department may be made verbally or in writing within 48 hours of the event.

Administrative Rule Cross Reference

325.1901 (10) – Definition of elopement

325.1901 (17) – Definition of reportable incident/accident